[11th September 1958

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

The representation was examined by the Government and the grievances have been enquired into. It is reported that there is no grievance at present. In view of this, Government consider that no further action is necessary.

Iron

* 100-F *Q*.—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of iron deposits near Ellithorai village in Coonoor taluk in Nilgiris district;

(*b*) the nature and the extent of deposits therein;

(*c*) the probable products manufactured from the said deposits;

(*d*) whether any private individual has begun to dig out the said deposits;

(*e*) whether any licence has been issued to the individual; and

(*f*) whether any survey research has been conducted in the said area?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN. (*a*) The only information of the occurrence is that received from the hon. Member.

(*b*) & (*c*) No investigation has yet been made.

(*d*) & (*e*) Permission has been given to India Silicate Industries (Private), Limited, for mining iron ore in Yeddappalli village, Coonoor taluk.

(*f*) Systematic Geological mapping or mineral survey in the Nilgiris district has not yet been taken up.

Stamp duty

* 100-G. *Q*.—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to exempt sales of house-sites from stamp duty?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir.

State Industrial Investment Corporation

* 100-H *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted to State Investment Corporation for the year, 1956–57 and 1957–58;

(*b*) the amount that has been disbursed district-wise and industry-wise as loans during this period;